



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U.S. Census Bureau
Office of the Director
Washington, DC 20233-0001

Dear Honorable Tribal Leader:

As we continue to finalize plans to produce and disseminate 2020 Census data products, I respectfully request your tribe's participation in our tribal consultation scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2023, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Registration information for the tribal consultation is below.

We are seeking your feedback on the Proof-of-Concept data product to help us finalize the Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A (Detailed DHC-A). The Detailed DHC-A file is the successor to the American Indian and Alaska Native Summary File (AIANSF) produced in previous censuses. The Proof-of-Concept data product is planned for release on or before January 31, 2023.

Please note that we are also holding a listening session with tribal leaders on February 1, 2023, to provide a walkthrough of the Proof of Concept and answer questions in advance of the consultation. The Proof of Concept demonstrates the amount of data that can safely be released based on population size and geography level in order to ensure confidentiality protection. We use a differential privacy algorithm called *SafeTab-P*.

During the tribal consultation, we seek your tribe's feedback. It would be helpful to know if your tribe will be impacted positively, negatively, or not at all, if we release the Detailed DHC-A using the current approach outlined in the Proof of Concept. Please provide the level of geography, description of the use case(s), and implications should the data be released as reflected in this Proof of Concept.

Your tribe's participation in this tribal consultation is very important to make the data as useful as possible. And we are available to help. If you have questions about the Detailed DHC-A in advance of the tribal consultation, please let us know and we can discuss them with you.

Tribal Listening Session

DATE: Wednesday, February 1, 2023, **Time:** 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard

REGISTRATION LINK:

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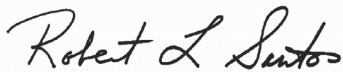
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If you have any questions prior to the consultations, please contact our Tribal Affairs Coordinator, Dee Alexander, at 301-763-9335, or OCIA.TAO@census.gov.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Santos
Director

Enclosures